

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 27-29, 30, 32, 34, 36-40, 42, 47, and 51-58 as indicated below. Please add new claims 59-73. Deletions appear in ~~strike~~~~through~~ font, and additions are underlined. The listing of claims below will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Complete listing of claims

Claims 1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Previously presented) A fibrin adhesive granulate comprising granulate pellets with a particle size in the range from approximately 50 μm to approximately 1000 μm , wherein said granulate pellets comprise thrombin, Factor XIII, fibrinogen, and a calcium salt.
26. (Previously presented) The fibrin adhesive granulate in accordance with claim 25, wherein the granulate pellets have a particle size in the range from approximately 100 μm to approximately 200 μm .
27. (Currently amended) The fibrin adhesive granulate in accordance with claim 25, wherein said granulate pellets further comprise one or more substances chosen from albumin, fibronectin, ~~or-and~~ other substances that promote wound healing.

28. (Currently amended) The fibrin adhesive granulate in accordance with claim 26, wherein said granulate pellets further comprise one or more substances chosen from albumin, fibronectin, ~~or-and~~ other substances that promote wound healing.
29. (Currently amended) An effervescent preparation comprising a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in any one of claims 25 or 27 and one or more substances required for the formation of CO₂,
~~wherein the effervescent preparation generates a foam suitable for hemostasis.~~
30. (Currently amended) The effervescent preparation in accordance with claim 29, wherein the one or more substances required for the formation of CO₂ comprise a mixture of a carbonate and a physiologically safe organic acid.
31. (Previously presented) A wound care fleece comprising a biodegradable support medium, wherein the biodegradable support medium comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in any one of claims 25 or 27.
32. (Currently amended) The wound care fleece in accordance with claim 31, wherein the wound care fleece comprises a hydrophilic, non-aqueous salve base, and wherein said salve base comprises the fibrin adhesive granulate.

33. (Previously presented) The wound care fleece in accordance with claim 31, wherein the biodegradable support medium comprises natural or chemically modified collagen, keratin, gelatin, carbohydrates or cellulose derivatives.
34. (Currently amended) The wound care fleece in accordance with claim 31, wherein the biodegradable support medium comprises a polymer chosen from polyhydroxy carboxylic acids, polyesters, polycyano acrylates, polyamino acids, polyalcohols, ~~or-and~~ silicones.
35. (Previously presented) The wound care fleece in accordance with claim 31, wherein said wound care fleece comprises fibrinogen in the range from approximately 0.05 mg/cm² to approximately 50 mg/cm² and thrombin in the range from approximately 1 µg/cm² to approximately 20 mg/cm².
36. (Currently amended) The wound care fleece in accordance with claim 31, wherein one or both sides of the fleece's support medium contain a composition comprising the preparation containing the fibrin adhesive granulate is applied to one or both sides of the support medium.
37. (Currently amended) A preparation comprising a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in any one of claims 25 or 27.

38. (Currently amended) The preparation in accordance with claim 37, wherein said preparation comprises a wound care fleece, and wherein said wound care fleece comprises a biodegradable support medium comprising the fibrin adhesive granulate.
39. (Currently amended) The preparation in accordance with claim 37, wherein said preparation comprises a bandage, wherein said bandage comprises a wound care fleece, and wherein said wound care fleece comprises a biodegradable support medium comprising the fibrin adhesive granulate.
40. (Currently amended) The preparation in accordance with claim 37 wherein said preparation comprises a plaster, wherein said plaster comprises a water proof or water permeable material, and wherein said material comprises a wound care fleece, and wherein said wound care fleece comprises a biodegradable support medium comprising the fibrin adhesive granulate.
41. (Previously presented) A preparation comprising a wound care fleece as claimed in claim 32.
42. (Currently amended) A preparation comprising a hydrophilic, non-aqueous salve base, wherein said salve base comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.

43. (Previously presented) A method for the preparation of a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25 comprising,
suspending the components of the fibrin adhesive in an organic solvent, and spray-drying said suspension to a granulate of particle size in the range from approximately 50 µm to approximately 1000 µm.
44. (Previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 43, wherein the particle size of the granulate is in the range from approximately 100 µm to approximately 200 µm.
45. (Previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 43, wherein the suspension is spray-dried onto a support medium.
46. (Previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 44, wherein the suspension is spray-dried onto a support medium.
47. (Currently amended) A method for the preparation of a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25, comprising
preparing a fibrinogen granulate, and spraying an organic solvent comprising thrombin onto said fibrinogen granulate.

48. (Previously presented) The method in accordance with claim 47, wherein a calcium salt is added to the fibrinogen granulate, to the thrombin solution, or to both the fibrinogen granulate and thrombin solution.
49. (Previously presented) A method for the preparation of a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25, comprising preparing separate fibrinogen and thrombin granulates, and mixing the fibrinogen granulates with the thrombin granulates, wherein both types of granulates have a particle size in the range from approximately 50 µm to approximately 1000 µm.
50. (Previously presented) A method for preparing a preparation comprising layering a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25 on a biodegradable support medium.
51. (Currently amended) A method for preparing the preparation as claimed in claim 42 comprising mixing the fibrin adhesive granulate with the hydrophilic, non-aqueous salve base.

52. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a preparation comprising adding ~~ether~~one or more biological, vegetable or synthetic active substances to the fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.
53. (Currently amended) The method in accordance with claim 5152, wherein said one or more biological, vegetable or synthetic active substances are chosen from immunoglobulins, chemotherapeutics ~~or~~and antibiotics.
54. (Currently amended) A method for achieving hemostasis comprising applying a fibrin adhesive preparation to an area in need thereof, wherein the fibrin adhesive preparation comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.
55. (Currently amended) A method for healing a wound in surgery comprising applying a fibrin adhesive preparation to an area in need thereof, wherein the fibrin adhesive preparation comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.
56. (Currently amended) A method for effecting tissue therapy comprising applying a fibrin adhesive preparation to an area in need thereof, wherein the fibrin adhesive preparation comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.

57. (Currently amended) A method for preparing a support medium for one or more biological, vegetable or synthetic factors comprising mixing said one or more biological, vegetable or synthetic factors with a fibrin adhesive preparation, wherein the fibrin adhesive preparation comprises a fibrin adhesive granulate as claimed in claim 25.
58. (Currently amended) The method in accordance with claim 54, wherein the preparation is chosen from a wound care fleece, a bandage, a plaster, a salve, or and a gel-type preparation.
59. (New) A fibrin tissue adhesive formulation containing a mixture of thrombin, and fibrinogen with factor XIII in flowable solid granules, said mixture prepared by:
 - (a) providing solutions or suspensions of the thrombin, and the fibrinogen with factor XIII;
 - (b) drying the solutions in a fluidized bed apparatus; and
 - (c) forming the flowable solid granules with a particle size of approximately 50-1000 μm .
60. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the mixture consists of separately dried thrombin and fibrinogen granules.

61. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the thrombin and/or fibrinogen granules have a support medium as carrier.
62. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 61, wherein the support medium is selected from water-soluble sugars, sugar substitutes, biological transport substances, or mixtures thereof.
63. (New) A fibrin tissue adhesive formulation containing a mixture of thrombin, and fibrinogen with factor XIII in flowable solid granules, said mixture prepared by:
 - (a) providing solutions or suspensions of the thrombin, and the fibrinogen with factor XIII;
 - (b) drying the solutions in a fluidized bed apparatus; and
 - (c) forming the flowable solid granules with a particle size of 50-1000 µm; wherein the granules are mixed granules incorporating the fibrinogen in an inner core and the thrombin in an outer layer thereon.
64. (New) A fibrin tissue adhesive formulation containing a mixture of thrombin, and fibrinogen with factor XIII in flowable solid granules, said mixture prepared by:
 - (a) providing solutions or suspensions of the thrombin, and the fibrinogen with factor XIII;
 - (b) drying the solutions in a fluidized bed apparatus; and

(c) forming the flowable solid granules with a particle size of 50-1000 μm ;
wherein the mixed granules comprise a carrier core, a fibrinogen layer on the
core and an outer thrombin layer.

65. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the ratio of thrombin to fibrinogen with factor XIII is 1:100 to 1:1000.
66. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the grain diameter of the granules is 50-1000 μm .
67. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 66, wherein the grain diameter of the granules is 100-200 μm .
68. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the granules are provided with an outer barrier layer.
69. (New) The fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 59, wherein the solution or suspension contains a calcium salt.

70. (New) A process for producing a fibrin tissue adhesive formulation containing a mixture of thrombin, and fibrinogen with factor XIII in flowable solid granules, which comprises
- (a) providing solutions or suspensions of the thrombin, and the fibrinogen with factor XIII;
 - (b) drying the solutions in a fluidized bed apparatus; and
 - (c) forming the flowable solid granules at a product temperature not exceeding 50°C., said granules having a particle size of 50-1000 µm.
71. (New) The process of claim 70, wherein:
- (a) a fibrinogen concentrate with factor XIII is sprayed into the fluidized bed apparatus from aqueous solution, dried and isolated;
 - (b) a thrombin concentrate is sprayed into the fluidized bed apparatus from aqueous solution, dried and isolated; and
 - (c) the granules of fibrinogen and thrombin thus produced are mixed.
72. (New) The process for producing a fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 70, wherein;
- (a) fibrinogen concentrate is sprayed into the fluidized bed apparatus from aqueous solution and dried; and
 - (b) thrombin is sprayed onto the dried granules from an organic suspension.

73. (New) The process for producing a fibrin tissue adhesive formulation of claim 70,
wherein the solutions or suspensions are sprayed onto a carrier material.